



Success Story—UPS Hires IPFW Grads

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What comes to mind when you think about UPS (United Parcel Service)? Do you think about men or women jumping out of large brown trucks and delivering packages to your front door? There's so much that goes into a package being delivered to your home. Do you consider what it took for that video game, new pair of shoes, or television to get to your home? I never did either until I spent the summer after my first year of college working at a major UPS facility outside of Chicago.

Working those long hours in the hot Chicago summer was something I will never forget. Loading hundreds of packages onto semi-trucks every day helped me to realize that this summer job was very important to the people hoping to receive their packages quickly. Not only that, I was also able to see what the world of package shipping and delivery was like. It took logistics, driving, sorting, loading, unloading, and communication. This was BIG-time business!

Founded in 1907 as a messenger company in the United States, UPS has grown into a multi-billion-dollar corporation by clearly focusing on the goal of enabling worldwide commerce. Today UPS is a global company with one of the most recognized and admired brands in the world. The company has become the world's largest package delivery company and a leading global provider of specialized transportation and logistics services. Every day, UPS manages the flow of goods, funds, and information in more than 200 countries and territories.

The impact can be felt locally, especially here at IPFW Career Services, when UPS seeks to employ our students and alumni. This enables students to continue working on their degrees and establishes a solid foundation for future careers. De'Andre Green, human resources coordinator at UPS Fort Wayne operations, states, "Currently, thanks in part to the efforts of the staff at IPFW Career Services, we are fully staffed. We have hired several IPFW students into package handler positions and our industrial engineering intern is an IPFW student as well."

The industrial engineering (IE) intern position was launched at the Fort Wayne UPS facility this spring. The internship offers a wide variety of challenging opportunities in the following areas:

- Functional support
- Process improvement
- Engineering support
- Data mining-Query writing

Aaquib Asif, an IPFW senior mechanical engineering student, has taken on the challenge of being the pilot intern at the Fort Wayne location. Green states, "Aaquib's been with us for about a month and is doing a terrific job. We will certainly miss what he brings to the office when he graduates in May, but he was a perfect student for us to start this program with."

When you see that large, brown truck on the street, consider the lives that are impacted by the world of package delivery. UPS is about partnership, connection, and doing business the right way, and we at IPFW Career Services are glad they have chosen to be a corporate sponsor with us.